

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed November 14, 2005.

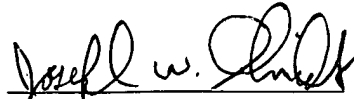
In the Office Action, claims 10 and 17-19 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Accordingly, claims 10, 17 and 19 have been rewritten into their current independent format to include the limitations of the respective base and intervening claims. Claim 16 has been amended to depend from independent claim 10. New claims 23 -27 are presented.

The remaining claims including claims 1, 6, 8, 9, 11-15 and 20-22 have been canceled without prejudice. The cancellation of these claims is not to be construed as an admission to the viability of the rejections of these claims. Rather, these claims are being canceled to expedite prosecution of this application. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuation application to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the present invention is directed to patentable subject matter and that none of the references of record, considered individually or in combination, in whole or in part, disclose or suggest the present invention as claimed. Therefore, all of the claims now pending in this application, namely, 10, 16-19, 23 - 27 are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. Should the examiner believe that a telephone or personal interview may

facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, she is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' Attorney at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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